

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to comment on the importance of KLOVE radio in not only my life, but also the lives of my family and friends. I am a board certified physician practicing in the Phoenix, Arizona area and I literally have to deal with issues of life and death on a daily basis. It seems that so many radio stations today are dime store merchants of bathroom humor, rhetoric, and music that condones and applauds objectifying women, irreverence, and apathy. For me, the opportunity to listen to a station like KLOVE, which has positive music, words of encouragement, and statements of faith, gives me a mindset and perspective I need. With the stress and gravity of my occupation, KLOVE provides me a much-needed alternative to the rest of the radio dial. My family and friends also depend on KLOVE radio.

I oppose the proposed rule changes because I believe they could adversely impact many stations, including KLOVE. Requiring community advisory boards could effectively dampen free speech, as stations would need to change their content or approach if it was not to the liking of their local board. Additional staffing would require significantly more funding which could be disastrous to listener-supported stations. Also, giving priority to new Low Power FM stations over already existing translators would drastically reduce the coverage of stations such as KLOVE. These rule changes might seem like a good thing to some, but they would negatively impact our community by threatening an enormous force for positive change.

I have seen the healing and life-giving effects of what comes across KLOVE radio's frequency firsthand, and anything that might take away from that will make my efforts to improve quality of life for our community even more challenging. Please do not accept the proposed rule changes.

Sincerely,

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